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STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1987



STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

CHAIRMAN: Gregory, M. E. C. (Mississauga East PC)
VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mitchell, R. C. (Carleton PC)
Fontaine, R. (Cochrane North L)
Foulds, J. F. (Port Arthur NDP)
Hayes, P. (Essex North NDP)
Johnson, J. M. (Wellington-Dufferin-Peel PC)
Leluk, N. G. (York West PC)
Marland, M. (Mississauga South PC)
Polsinelli, C. (Yorkview L)
Sargent, E. C. (Grey-Bruce L)
Smith, D. W. (Lambton L)

Substitutions:

Harris, M. D. (Nipissing PC) for Mrs. Marland
Pope, A. W. (Cochrane South PC) for Mr. Gregory
Rowe, W. E. (Simcoe Centre PC) for Mr. Leluk

Clerk: Arnott, D.

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The committee met at 10:15 a.m. in room 228.

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Clerk of the Committee: Honourable members, it is my duty to call upon you to elect a chairman. Are there any nominations?

Mr. Mitchell: I would like to nominate Bud Gregory to remain as chairman of this committee.

Mr. Hayes: I will second that.

Clerk of the Committee: Are there any other nominations?

There being no other nominations, I declare Mr. Gregory elected chairman.

I will now call for nominations for vice-chairman.

Mr. J. M. Johnson: I would like to nominate Bob Mitchell as vice-chairman.

Mr. D. W. Smith: I will second that.

Clerk of the Committee: Are there any other nominations?

There being no other nominations, I declare Mr. Mitchell duly elected vice-chairman of the committee.

Interjections.

The Vice-Chairman: I think Jack Johnson wanted our House leader in here because we are dealing with budget and he wants to get a trip to Alaska considered.

Members of the committee, the clerk has prepared a budget pretty well following the same format as last year, I understand. There is one error on the explanatory notes. At the bottom, it refers to "six weeks" in the last paragraph. The correction is to "four weeks" and the figures in the budget itself are based on four weeks. It is just a printing error in the last paragraph.

Mr. Hayes: Four weeks, and what was the other thing?

The Vice-Chairman: It is four weeks. The figures themselves were predicated on four weeks. It is just an error in the last paragraph of the explanatory notes on the first page. It reads, "In this budget the committee has provided for six weeks." It should be "four weeks."

Mr. J. M. Johnson: Is that the only change?

The Vice-Chairman: That is the only change, I believe, unless the

committee proposes some change it wishes to make, if it feels there would be some travel.

Mr. D. W. Smith: How many weeks did we meet last year?

The Vice-Chairman: Four weeks.

Mr. D. W. Smith moves the adoption of the budget.

The clerk just reminded me that there is always the opportunity to submit supplementary figures or requests.

The only travel that is allowed for in here is basically the travel to Queen's Park while the committee is sitting. There is nothing in this budget for visiting other areas to look into operations. That may well come out of those agencies you might wish to examine.

Mr. J. M. Johnson: When you say that we sat for four weeks last year, in the winter break we only sat for one week, did we not? We budgeted for four weeks, but we only sat for one week.

Clerk of the Committee: That was one week in the winter break, but we also sat for three weeks last fall.

Mr. J. M. Johnson: Last summer.

Clerk of the Committee: In September, which was the same fiscal year.

Mr. Hayes: Just one question on the catering and hospitality: Can you explain what that is for?

Clerk of the Committee: That would cover coffee orders for four full weeks of committee. In addition, if the committee were to have a luncheon meeting, it would provide for that. But it does not contemplate anything beyond that.

Mr. Hayes: Expensive coffee.

Mr. D. W. Smith: That is here. It is not Joso's on Davenport, where I was reading in the paper Tom Selleck visits.

The Vice-Chairman: I have a motion by Mr. Smith to approve.

Motion agreed to.

The Vice-Chairman: Then we have the draft report on agencies reviewed. Perhaps you want to deal with this in camera. What is the committee's wish? Our researcher believes he would be able to speak a little more freely if we were to deal with it initially in camera. Agreed.

The committee continued in camera at 10:21 a.m.

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